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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 2094

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ECON, ETRD, TD, US
SUBJECT: BILATERAL ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS WITH TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 2070

1. DURING MY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS, HE INDICATED SEVERAL TIMES HIS KEEN INTEREST IN THE UP-COMING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AND PROPOSED THE SCHEDULE WHICH FOLLOWS: HE EMPHASIZED STRONG DESIRE TO HAVE US TEAM PRESENT FOR CEREMONIES ON ARRIVAL OF SECOND PLACE PURCHASED FROM MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AS SYMBOL OF US-T&T TRADE RELATIONSHIPS.

AUGUST 2
1400 PLENARY SESSION FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS, ONE TO ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS, IN PORT OF SPAIN.
1600 GO TO AIRPORT FOR ARRIVAL OF DC-9 PURCHASED BY BWIA, FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

AUGUST 3
DISCUSSIONS IN WORKING GROUPS IN THE MORNING, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH, WITH FURTHER TALKS IN THE AFTERNOON.
EVENING: RECEPTION HOSTED BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
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AND COMMERCE GEORGE CHAMBERS.

AUGUST 4
MORNING: FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN WORKING GROUPS.
AFTERNOON: VISITS TO SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS.
EVENING: FREE

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AGUST 5
MORNING: PLENARY SESSION.
12 NOON: ENTIRE GROUP DEPARTS FOR TOBAGO BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT FOR RELAXATION, SWIMMING, GOLF, ETC., IN AFTERNOON.
PRESIDENT TO HOST RECEPTION IN TOBAGO.
RETURN TO TRINIDAD THAT EVENING (OR IN THE MORNING).

AUGUST 6
GROUP DEPARTS FOR UNITED STATES.

2. IF AUGUST SCHEDULE ADHERED TO, I WOULD PROPOSE DINNER AT RESIDENCE THAT EVENING FOR BRIEFINGS BY EMBASSY STAFF.

3. WILLIAMS WOULD LIKE ENTIRE GROUP TO BE GUESTS OF GOTT AT HILTON HOTEL (WHICH GOTT OWNS).

4. WILLIAMS ALSO QUERIED HOW MANY OF PRESS WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING GROUP. I INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN HE WOULD LIKE U.S. PRESS COVERAGE, AND HOPE THAT AS MINIMUM, AP, VOA, AND WALL STREET JOURNAL COULD BE INTERESTED TO SEND REPORTERS FOR THESE SESSIONS.

5. I EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT U.S. DELEGATION CAN MAKE
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THIS MUCH TIME AVAILABLE TO THESE DISCUSSIONS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO SCHEDULE. I BELIEVE VISIT TO AT LEAST ONE PROJECT WOULD BE USEFUL; MOST LIKELY WOULD BE POINT LISAS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHERE FIRST OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS (TRINGEN FERTILIZER PLANT) IS ABOUT TO GO ON STREAM AND WHERE STEEL MILL WILL BE BUILT. WILLIAMS IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO INCLUDE TOBAGO VISIT, PARTLY FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS.

6. WILLIAMS REITERATED GOTT'S INTEREST THAT EXIM BANK BE INCLUDED IN U.S. DELEGATION.
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